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ROTATION-PREVENTING
ARRANGEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed are copies of two references listed on a PTO-1449 Form enclosed herewith.

The non-English-language German patent document 197 53 918 is described in paragraph [4] on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1).

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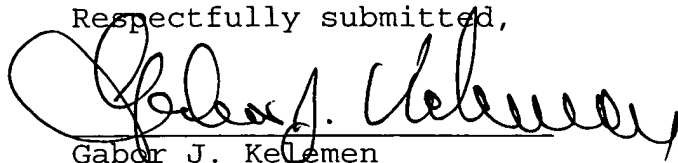
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Since all the requirements of Rules 97 and 98 have been complied with, the Examiner is requested to consider the references on their merit and return a copy of the PTO-1449 Form indicating with his/her initials that the references were considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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